



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

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## LONG BEACH CITY COUNCIL & CITY MANAGER

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Nassau County  
Legislator Denise Ford  
1550 Franklin Avenue  
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RE: N69 Bus Service

Dear Legislator Ford:

As you are aware, the City of Long Beach provides bus service from the Long Beach LIRR Station into Lido Beach and Point Lookout via the N69 route. Since 2005, Nassau County has paid the City an annual fee of just \$75,000 for this service, without any annual increases for the ever increasing expenses associated with this service. As we have previously made the County aware, Long Beach taxpayers cannot continue to subsidize services that are the responsibility of Nassau County.

Our projected expenses for 2017 are \$208,000, with projected revenue of \$124,000, which includes the County's \$75,000 payment. This leaves the City with an estimated loss of \$84,000. The City of Long Beach can no longer afford to offer bus service in and out of Lido Beach and Point Lookout at such a great financial burden to the City and its taxpayers.

Previously, we requested an increase of \$25,000, with annual increases of 5% to follow. That still left the City with a substantial cost, but one we were willing to bear at that time to provide this service to the ridership, be it a very small ridership. Unfortunately, Nassau County responded by stating that the County budget allocated \$75,000 for this purpose and that they require the IMA to be executed by the City and returned to them.

Our Transportation Department prides itself on safe and reliable bus service. But the City can no longer be forced to offer this service at the current level without the County sharing in more of the cost. Therefore, Nassau County is forcing us to consider modifying the bus routes to Lido Beach and Point Lookout.

In addition, it has been brought to our attention that the NICE bus system has proposed to eliminate its N33 Sunday service beginning in April as well. We are again advocating that you, as County Legislator for the residents of Long Beach, intercede on behalf of the numerous

residents that rely on this bus service to travel for work to and from the Rockaways. We hope you will fight aggressively for the restoration of this service.

We hope to work with you to ensure that Nassau County provides residents of our City with the appropriate services they need and deserve. Thank you for your time, your consideration and your anticipated attention to these urgent matters.

Very Truly Yours,  
City of Long Beach City Council & City Manager



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